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SUBJECT: SADAT CITY MASTER PLAN

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FOR PAST TWO MONTHS SPECIAL "INTERNATIONAL JURY"
DESIGNATED BY MINRECONSTRUCTION OSMAN TO REVIEW PROPOSALS
RE SADAT CITY MASTER PLAN HAS BEEN IN SESSION. AMERICAN
REP WAS PROFESSOR THOMAS W. MACKESEY OF TAMS. APART
FROM ADVISING US THAT ONE AMERICAN COMPANY WAS AMONG
TOP FOUR, HE HAS BEEN VERY TIGHT LIPPED.

2. PRIOR TO CODEL JAVITS CALL ON MINRECONSTRUCTION
OSMAN, APRIL 18, AMB SUGGESTED THE SENATOR INDICATE
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN AMERICAN FIRMS PARTICIPATING
IN MINRECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS. THE SENATOR DID SO
AND, PREDICTABLY, OSMAN RESPONDED IN GENERAL TERMS THAT
HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AMERICAN FIRMS PARTICIPATE.

3. RECALLING AMERICAN FIRM'S INTEREST TO DO SADAT
CITY MASTER PLAN, AMB ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF GOE
CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS, OSMAN CALLED IN HIS CHIEF
ENGINEER TO INQUIRE. HE WAS TOLD THAT COMMITTEE HAD
NARROWED IT DOWN TO TWO FIRMS, ONE AN AMERICAN.
COMMITTEE WAS GRADING PROPOSALS ON THE BASIS OF POINTS
AND AT THE MOMENT AMERICAN FIRM HAD RECEIVED
"90 PERCENT" AND STOOD ABOVE SOLE REMAINING
COMPETITOR. SOME FURTHER QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED OF
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BOTH FIRMS BEFORE FINAL JUDGMENT IS MADE. OSMAN

THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSOBLE TO MAKE DECISION IN A
WEEK OR TWO.

4. AMB EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT AMERICAN FIRM
RANKS SO HIGH AND AGAIN MADE STRONG PITCH
THAT AWARD TO TO IT.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP AS APPROPRIATE.
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